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For: FILE SYSTEM, CONTROL METHOD, AND PROGRAM

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The Information Disclosure Statement was filed on February 16, 2005, which is less than three months from the date of the Search Report.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this charge be re-credited to Deposit Account No. 19-3935 and that the Patent Office acknowledge this credit in writing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

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